

# OMISS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## 21 JUL 01

Called to order by President AE9W/Greg @ 1917 UTC, July 21, 2001.

14.290 MHz.

Propagation: Poor

PRESENT: AE9W, N5VTP, KL7IHK, WAØVZH, WA4ZOP, W5RL.

Excused: N8YY, WA2QOM

CHAT ROOM: Discontinued.

### **1. Minutes from board meeting on 5/19/01 reviewed (June meeting cancelled due to**

**poor propagation):**

Motion to accept minutes: W5RL

Second: KL7IHK

Motion carried.

### **2. Treasurer's report reviewed:**

Motion to accept report: N5VTP

Second: WA4ZOP

Motion carried.

### **3. REPORTS:**

**a. QSL Bureau #1 - WA2DEU/Bruce: Same as AE9W's below:**

**QSL Bureau #2 - AE9W/Greg:** Operation "Homeless QSL" complete and

successful. New postage scale upgrade to cover new postal rates is in place at both

bureaus. New QSL Bureau card holding policy in place to help avoid such a buildup

of unclaimed cards from happening again. QSL card business has slowed down somewhat for summer, but still healthy spurts.

**b. AWARDS PROGRAM REPORT - KL7IHK/Dick:**

Report was sent out pre-board meeting by Dick, and reviewed. Program looking excellent, since Dick took over awards.

**c. ALL-BAND COORDINATOR REPORT - WA2QOM/Darin:** Still seeking

17m Coordinator. 75m Late Net proposal is presently tabled until Fall to obtain conditions favorable to find a good frequency.

**d. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - AE9W/Greg:** No June meeting due to propagation, so at this time Greg announced that Dennis/VE7IPU stepped down as Advisory Board Chairman, and has been replaced by Warren/WA4ZOP. Congratulations Warren.

The OMISS webpage has been redesigned to handle more browser compatability. So far everything seems fine, and only minor bugs to take care of. Our server experienced some difficulties in mid-July due to a train derailment that cut a mile of cable in the upper Northeast, but all seems well again now.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT - KL7IHK/Dick:**  
Proposal to have QSL

cards “certified” by 2 General Class or higher amateurs in lieu of sending them to the awards manager was sent to the Advisory Committee for study and public comment at the last Board Meeting in May. The Advisory Committee report is back this month.  
(See Advisory Committee report next item:)

**b. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT - WA4ZOP/Warren:** The following proposal was put before the membership via e-mail and a poll was taken of the membership. There were 22 e-mails received by open ballot at [advisory@omiss.net](mailto:advisory@omiss.net), 18 were for the proposition and 4 were against. The proposal only involved those OMISS awards that require sending in the QSL cards by mail. These awards are the WAS (mobile and fixed), the DX awards, and the Canadian awards.

The proposal in summary: As an alternative to mailing QSL Cards for those awards requiring them, a new system was proposed which will require validation by 2 checkers who would be General Class (or higher) license holders, who may or may not be OMISS members. They would review the cards using the same criteria used by the ARRL to verify if it is an acceptable QSL card with complete information without strikeovers or erasures on any information critical to the contact. They would then

sign a form (to be designed by OMISS awards manager) with their name and call sign.

This would then accompany the award application. The form would either be

obtained by mail from the awards manager, or off the OMISS website.

Motion to accept proposal as stated in report: WA4ZOP

Second: N5VTP

Report unanimously approved

## **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. AE9W - 17M NET DISCUSSION:** Darin advised that there has been no

volunteer for a 17m net coordinator for 3 months. Other than Dan/WØVD taking

the net control from time to time, there has hardly been any participation at all.

Intentional QRMing still occurring. This was turned over to Warren/WA4ZOP and

the Advisory Committee to study, and suggest possible options. (Possible options may

include a phase-out of that Net, giving Members the opportunity to complete awards

that they may be near completing.) Warren advised that he will gather information and

report back at next Board meeting. He may need more time due to the passion this

issue will certainly evoke on both sides of the coin.

**6. NEXT BOARD MEETING - 8/11/01 at conclusion of 20m net:** Aim for 2<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday of month as a general rule, unless holiday, contests, or other reason

prohibits.)

Motion to adjourn: W5RL  
Second: KL7IHK  
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 1941 UTC.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Don Banta/W5RL  
Secretary - OMISS

**(SECRETARY'S NOTE: Special thanks to KK6AW/Kelsey  
for the fine job in  
helping conduct this meeting with his invaluable relaying,  
due to the terrible  
conditions we had!!!! Thanks, Kelsey!!!!)**